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| For: METHOD FOR PREPARING LOW            | ) |                            |
| VISCOSITY TRICONDENSATE                  | ) |                            |
| POLYFUNCTIONAL ISOCYANATES               | ) |                            |

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly delete claims 1-23 without prejudice or disclaimer and insert the following in lieu thereof.

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--24. A process for preparing a tricondensate polyfunctional isocyanate composition, comprising the step of adding to a tricondensate polyfunctional isocyanate, or to a mixture of different tricondensate polyfunctional isocyanates, obtained by (cyclo)condensation of one or more identical or different isocyanate monomers and optionally of another monomer, an allophanate of one or more identical or different isocyanates, or a mixture of different allophanates, the isocyanates or mixtures of

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